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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**Defendants.**

Civil Action No. 15-2123

“[T]he two essential elements of civil conspiracy are (1) ‘an agreement to take part in an unlawful action or a lawful action in an unlawful manner’; and (2) ‘an overt tortious act in furtherance of the agreement that causes injury.’” *Hall v. Clinton*, 285 F.3d 74, 82-83 (D.C. Cir. 2002) (quoting *Halberstam v. Welch*, 705 F.2d 472, 479 (D.C. Cir. 1983)). Where, as here, the

complaint “contain[s] only conclusory, vague, or general allegations of a conspiracy to deprive a person of constitutional rights,” *Ostrer v. Aronwald*, 567 F.2d 551, 553 (2d Cir. 1977) (citations and internal question marks omitted), the complaint must be dismissed, *see, e.g., Bush v. Butler*, 521 F. Supp. 2d 63, 68-69 (D.D.C. 2007) (dismissing conspiracy claim where “Plaintiff merely concludes that there was an agreement among the defendants to deprive him” of a constitutional right without any “description of the persons involved in the agreement, the nature of the agreement, what particular acts were taken to form the conspiracy, or what overt acts were taken in furtherance of the conspiracy”).

An Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

DATE:

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United States District Judge